recognition of said feature;

- an intelligent controller having associated therewith a means for accessing said programming material in response to receiving said coded signal; and a display unit for presenting said programming material,
- 169. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature has associated therewith a data link which is recognized by said feature recognition unit.
- 170. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an image data link.
- 171. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a video data link.
- 172. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a programming data link.
- 173. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link

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comprises a sound data link.

- 174. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an on-line data link.
- 175. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an on-line shopping data link.
- 176. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a pictorial data link.
- 177. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an electronic data link.
- 178. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an electronic media link.
- 179. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an "information superhighway" data link.
- 180. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information

superhighway" data link comprises the internet.

- 181. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises the world wide web.
- 182. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a computer network.
- 183. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ISDN network.
- 184. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a telephone line.
- 185. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a CATV line.

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- 186. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a local area network.
- 187. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information

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superhighway" data link comprises a wide area network.

- 188. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a data communications network.
- 189. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an Internet Product Service Directory.
- 190. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a globally based digital communications network.
- 191. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a wireless network link.
- 192. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a Wireless Application

 Protocol internet.

- 193. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ethernet network.
- 194. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a RF cellular network.
- 195. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a bar code.
- 196. A system as defined in claim 195 wherein said bar code comprises a Universal Product Code.
- 197. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible bar code.
- 198. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic code.
- 199. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a printed character.

- 200. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a symbol.
- 201. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a pictorial icon.
- 202. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible indicia.
- 203. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a two-dimensional figure.
- 204. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an icon.
- 205. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible icon.
- 206. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a watermark.

- 207. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible watermark.
- 208. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said invisible watermark comprises a digital watermark.
- 209. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a series of alphanumeric characters.
- 210. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a binary code.
- 211. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a digital watermark.
- 212. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic strip.
- 213. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one

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machine recognizable feature comprises a code.

- 214. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an online shopping product code.
- 215. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping product code.
- 216. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an online shopping service code.
- 217. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping service code.
- 218. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an analog pattern.

- 219. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a hieroglyphic character.
- 220. A system as defined in claim in 168 wherein said programming material comprises information.
- 221. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the photographer of said photograph.
- 222. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises photograph identification information.
- 223. A system as defined in claim 222 wherein said photograph identification information comprises the date of the photograph.
- 224. A system as defined in claim 222 wherein said photograph identification information comprises the time of the photograph.

- 225. A system as defined in claim 222 wherein said photograph identification information comprises the location of the photograph.
- 226. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the owner of the photograph.
- 227. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the agency representing the photographer.
- 228. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about related photographic works.
- 229. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about purchasing said photograph.
- 230. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about obtaining licensing rights to utilize said photograph in a printed medium.

- 231. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about obtaining licensing rights to utilize said photograph in an electronic medium.
- 232. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about obtaining licensing rights to exhibit said photograph.
- 233. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information related to the subject matter of said photograph.
- 234. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about art galleries exhibiting photographs.
- 235. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about museums exhibiting photographs.
- 236. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the individuals depicted in said

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- 237. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the photography techniques employed in producing said photograph.
- 238. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the photography equipment employed in producing said photograph.
- 239. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the developer of said photograph.
- 240. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the users of the photograph.
- 241. A system as defined in claim 220 wherein said information comprises information about the provenance of the photograph.

- 242. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said programming material comprises a service.
- 243. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes displaying promotional programming on said display unit of said user.
- 244. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes conducting an interaction with said user via a telephone.
- 245. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes conducting an interaction between a plurality of users via an online communication chat link.
- 246. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling a user to purchase said photograph.
- 247. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling a user

to purchase a copy of said photograph.

- 248. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling a user to purchase related photographs.
- 249. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling a user to access a catalog of photographic images.
- 250. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling an individual to track the user of said photograph.
- 251. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling an organization to track the user of said photograph.
- 252. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said service includes establishing a communication link enabling a user to forward a information about said photographs to others.

- 253. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal computer.
- 254. A system as defined in claim 253 wherein said personal computer comprises a laptop computer.
- 255. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a television.
- 256. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a device containing a microprocessor.
- 257. A system as defined in claim 256 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is hand-held.
- 258. A system as defined in claim 256 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is portable.
- 259. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal digital planner.

- 260. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an internet appliance.
- 261. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a cellular telephone.
- 262. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a wireless communication device.
- 263. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a simulated book.
- 264. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an intelligent terminal.
- 265. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a web-based television.
- 266. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a pager.

- 267. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an Internet-enabled telephone.
- 268. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said recognition unit is selected from a group consisting of a hand-held unit, a scanner, a bar code scanner, an optical code reader, an optical reader, a personal camera, a personal computer reader, a digital camera, a digital mouse and an optical mouse.
- 269. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal computer.
- 270. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a wireless interface.
- 271. A system as defined in claim 270 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless network.
- 272. A system as defined in claim 271 wherein said wireless network comprises a cellular network.

- 273. A system as defined in claim 270 wherein said wireless interface comprises a cellular telephone.
- 274. A system as defined in claim 270 wherein said wireless interface comprises a pager.
- 275. A system as defined in claim 270 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless personal computer.
- 276. A system as defined in claim 270 wherein said wireless interface comprises a personal digital assistant.
- 277. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal digital assistant.
- 278. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit is linked to an Internet appliance.
- 279. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a television set.

- 280. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a cellular telephone.
- 281. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a personal digital assistant.
- 282. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a remote control unit.
- 283. A system as defined in claim 268 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a handwriting implement.
- 284. A method of providing a user access to programming material, comprising the steps of:
 - imprinting a machine recognizable feature within a
 photograph;
 - scanning said machine recognizable feature of said photograph; and
 - transmitting data associated with said machine recognizable feature via a communication link to access said programming material, wherein said

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programming material is related to said photograph.

- 285. The method of claim 284 wherein said communication link includes the Internet.
- 286. The method of claim 284 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of bar code, universal product code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, symbol, icon, invisible indicia, two-dimensional figure, icon, invisible icon, watermark, invisible watermark, digital watermark, series of alphanumeric characters, binary code, digital watermark, magnetic strip, code, analog pattern, and hieroglyphic character.
- 287. A method of providing a user access to supplemental programming material associated with a photograph, comprising the steps of:

imprinting a machine recognizable feature within said photograph wherein said machine recognizable

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sequence for accessing programming material;
scanning said machine recognizable feature within said
photograph and downloading data indicative of said

machine recognizable feature via the Internet to a

feature has associated therewith a command

remote server;

accessing programming material from said remote server;

transmitting said programming material to said user allowing said user to perceive said programming material in a humanly perceivable form, wherein said programming material is related to said photograph.

- 288. The method of claim 287 wherein said programming material comprises multimedia.
- 289. The method of claim 287 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of a bar code, a universal product code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, symbol, icon, invisible indicia, two-

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dimensional figure, icon, invisible icon, watermark, invisible watermark, digital watermark, series of alphanumeric characters, binary code, digital watermark, magnetic strip, code, analog pattern, and hieroglyphic character.